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HOUSE RESOLUTION 219  
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Shana Long of Fairview Junior High School for winning the WDIA 2000 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment, have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Shana Long and the other members of the Fairview Junior High Team at the WDIA 2000 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge are one such exceptional group of students; and

WHEREAS, the winning team is composed of exemplary junior high school students whose ages range from 13 to 15 and who attend Fairview Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Shana Long rendered admirable service as an integral member of the outstanding team which also includes, team captain, Ryan Hancock, Candace Bolden, and alternate team member, Tarris Smoot; and

WHEREAS, the rigorous competition began on Friday, March 10th of this year, with eight schools competing in the semifinals, and the final competition was held on Friday, March 17, 2000, at the Pink Palace Museum; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during competition, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Shana Long has achieved incredible success, and has joined the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's elite students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their amazing performance at the competition, Shana and her fellow teammates were awarded the grand prize of all-expense-paid trips to Nashville to observe the Tennessee State Legislature and to Atlanta, Georgia to visit the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, Shana's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lowery and Lucille Williams selflessly donated their time and talents to sponsoring Shana and her teammates at the competition; and

WHEREAS, the competition was graciously sponsored by Northwest Airlines, Union Planters Bank, the WDIA Goodwill Fund, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, serving as guest judges for the competition were WKNO's "Mr. Chuck" and former WDIA general manager, Chuck Scruggs, Councilwomen Barbara Swearengen Holt and Tajuan Stout Mitchell, and Tony Jones of the *Tri-State Defender*; and

WHEREAS, Shana Long's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their many accomplishments; their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby applaud and congratulate Shana Long of Fairview Junior High School for her successful win at the WDIA

2000 Davis Brothers Black History Challenge and wish her all the best in what we are confident will be a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.